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THE LAST OF THE CONFERENCES?—PARIS CRISIS



Mr. Lloyd George with Signor Nitti at San Remo in April, 1920.



Allied delegates at the conference table in Boulogne in June, 1920.



Mr. Lloyd George with other delegates to the conference at Brussels in July, 1920.
There was another conference here in the following December.



Mr. Lloyd George and M. Millerand at Lympne in May, 1920.



Mr. Lloyd George at the conference held in Spa, Belgium, in July, 1920.



January, 1922.—Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Bonar Law in private discussion at Cannes.



Mr. Lloyd George with Lord Curzon, M. Briand, Count Sforza and other international delegates seated in conference in Paris in January, 1921.

Still another reparations conference seems doomed to failure. The Italian delegates are making a brave effort to bring British and French statesmen to a common point of view, but so wide are the differences between the attitudes of the two Allies that the prospect of a compromise is very small. Thus the Paris Conference is likely to share the fate of its many predecessors. Ever since the armistice the leading statesmen of the Allied countries—representatives of successive Governments—have met in many places on the

map of Europe in constant but unavailing endeavour to settle the question of German reparations. This conference—which may be the last conference—may be followed by independent French action. Should our ally decide in this matter to pursue her own course it must be our part to refrain from hasty blame and to see that our mutual friendship—a friendship based on common wounds and common pain—shall not suffer... On all other questions the most cordial relations should be maintained.

7s. 6d. AS PRICE OF HAPPINESS.

Pathetic Appeals by Poor to Save Their Dogs.

LICENCE NEED.

Many Homes Overshadowed by Fear of Parting.

More than 3,000 letters of appeal have been received by the Canine Defence League since New Year's Day from poor people unable to pay for their dog licences.

Unless the dog-loving public makes a whole-hearted response, it is inevitable that a very large proportion of the pets concerned will, during this month, be destroyed or turned adrift to starve.

The names and addresses of all the people who wrote the letters quoted below are in the possession of *The Daily Mirror*.

Seven shillings and sixpence—it is not a lot of money—will bring happiness to one of the many homes which are threatened with the loss of the family pet.

THEIR BEST COMRADES.

Touching Pleas by Unemployed and Ex-Soldiers for Pets.

The Canine Defence League has done splendid work for many years—and especially during the war—by obtaining free or cheap licences for poor people, and have a special fund for this purpose.

In the normal middle class family, where 7s. 6d. (the price on a licensee) is regarded as a comparatively small sum, the necessity for parting with a dog which has been perhaps a companion and friend for years does not arise.

It is only among the poor—and just now very particularly among the unemployed—that the need for these often heartbreaking separations occurs.

Each one of the letters received yesterday by the Canine Defence League has its own pathetic tale to tell.

A poor woman living alone in the East End of London wrote begging the League to try and intercede with the authorities for her, so that she may keep her only companion.

"I do not want to part with the poor dog," she said, "as he belongs to my poor husband, who died in an air raid, and he asked me to look after him. It was his last wish."

CHILD INTERCEDES FOR PLAYMATE.

A night watchman of nearly seventy years of age, who has been out of work for over eighteen months, pleads that his "poor dog Nell" may be allowed to remain with him.

"When at work," he says, "she is my splendid guard and companion." Later he adds, "I shall worry if I cannot should my guard and companion dog be taken."

A boy of eight sends a letter, obviously composed and written with great labour:—

I have a little dog and her name is Fluff. Please would you help me to pay the licence, as my dad and brothers are out of work and I don't want to part with my playmate we have such gamblers together.

An ex-serviceman, who states that he gives 2d. every week to the Dumb Friends' League, despite the fact that he is out of work, begs for assistance to retain his dog—a "stray," to which he has become much attached.

An old soldier who fought under Sir Garnet Wolseley at Tel-el-Kebir, again under General Buller in the Boer War, and lastly in the recent world conflict, also pleads to be allowed to keep his pet.

The man is a cripple and his wife is an invalid. They have had the dog for five years. "I do not want him destroyed," says the veteran, "for he is a faithful old friend."

MILLIONAIRE'S BAN.

Sons Urged Not to Become M.P.s or Speculate with Money.

"I advise and beseech my sons not to engage in speculation on the Stock Exchange or otherwise. Money made by speculation is sure to be lost and leads to further loss and disaster."

This, says the *Liverpool Post and Mercury*, was a sentence in the will of Alderman Louis S. Cohen, a former Lord Mayor of Liverpool, whose estate of £27,581, the duty paid amounting to £94,897.

After expressing the hope that none of his sons would try to become a member of Parliament or any local authority, he adds:—

I have a strong conviction that inter-marriages between different religious beliefs tend to great unhappiness; and it is my earnest wish that no grandchild or remote descendant of mine shall forsake her or his religion or marry a person that does not profess that religion.

"And I also hope," he concluded, "that no grandchild or remote descendant of mine will marry any person who is not a subject of the British Empire or of the United States."

GENERATIONS OF SEXTONS.

The seventh and last of a family who have held the post of sexton at the parish church, Chapel-en-le-Frith (Derbyshire), for 291 years, Mr. Peter Brainwell has died, aged seventy-five.

BRITISHERS SHOT.

In Line of Fire During a Mexican Duel.

SIX WOUNDED.

Mexico City, Thursday.
Mr. George W. Stebbins, a British subject, was mortally wounded yesterday evening as he walked into the line of fire between General Avila and Colonel Lazcano, who were fighting a duel in the crowded street.

Mr. Stebbins' wife and child were wounded during the melee.

Mr. Wilfrid Herbert Gore Ewart, who is said to be the son of Lady Milner Ewart, was shot and killed here by a stray bullet on Sunday evening.

He was watching from the balcony of his hotel the New Year's revellers in the street.—Reuter.

Mr. Ewart's death was first reported in a message yesterday, when his name was given as Gore.

"LOVE CAME BACK."

Alleged Statement to Police of Man Charged with Attempted Wife Murder

When Alfred Charlton was, at Bishop Auckland yesterday, charged with attempting to murder his wife, it was alleged that he went to a police station and said: "I have tried to strangle my wife, but love came back and I let her go." Charlton was remanded.

VAIN HUNT FOR DOCTOR

Coroner on Difficulty of Finding Medical Men at Unusual Hours.

"The difficulty of getting doctors late at night or early in the morning is one I am continually coming up against in the East End," said Dr. Guthrie, the coroner, yesterday, at a Poplar inquest.

The comment was occasioned on the husband of an aged woman who died suddenly saying that he searched in vain for two and a half hours early in the morning for a doctor. Eventually he had to get the services of the police surgeon, by whom time his wife was dead.

The difficulty might be obviated if a rota of doctors were arranged who were prepared to undertake work at night and at unusual hours, the coroner added.

EVICTED HEROES.

"Old Contemptibles" Turned Out of Barracks.

Two ex-soldiers were evicted from Woolwich Barracks yesterday by order of the county court Judge, who held that their quarters were required for serving soldiers.

One was Staff-Sergeant-Wheeler Cox, who was in the Royal Artillery for twenty-two years and was known as the "Old Contemptible." He was discharged from the Army last year and unable to find another home.

The other man turned out was ex-Quarter master-Sergeant Turner, who has a wife and five children.

He served nineteen years in the Artillery, and also went to France in August, 1914.

Since discharge from the Army in May he has been unable to find other accommodation.

UNEXPECTED GUEST.

Woman's Supplement Offers Guineas for Emergency Menus.

Confessions are reaching *The Daily Mirror* from housewives all over the country, telling of little cookery triumphs and achievements that have overcome any awkwardness when the unexpected and unprepared-for guest comes home to dinner.

Have you had a similar experience when your husband brings his friend home with confidence, and your cupboard rivals Mrs. Hubbard's for bareness?

For the best emergency dish or made-in-a-minute menu sent in to the editor of the Woman's Supplement a prize of £2 2s. and a second one of £1 1s. will be awarded. Competition must state the time the dish or dishes took to prepare and the ingredients that were used.

ACID BARRELS EXPLODE.

Clerks Gassed—Highway Ablaze for Four Hours.

Extraordinary scenes were witnessed near Cannock, Staffordshire, when a motor-lorry carrying barrels of liquid acid suddenly burst into flames.

Telegraph wires were consumed, roadside hedges and trees were reduced to 100 yards were destroyed. Steel barrels each containing thirty-six gallons of acid, exploded one after another, and were hurled through the air 500 yards.

The poisonous fumes emitted affected the clerical staff of a colliery 400 yards away, and they had to stop work. The flames burnt themselves out in about four hours.

KILLED BY CROWD.

Coroner on 'Rough Scenes' After Football Matches.

CRIPPLE'S FATE.

Scathing remarks were made by the coroner at a inquest at Durham yesterday on a cripple named John Williams Hall, who was fatally injured by being knocked down during a race to board a bus after a football match at Crook.

The coroner said the scenes after the match were a disgrace to the civilisation of the North of England.

Crowds rushing for train or bus after a football match became more or less like ruffians, and police and traffic officials were quite unable to control them.

The man's life was just as much sacrificed as if he had been killed by the use of a deadly weapon.

His death was caused by brutal force on the part of a crowd unrestrained by any proper feeling.

Women and children and cripples should be protected against these ruffians.

ACTRESS' LOST FURS.

Man Charged with Theft of £500 Cloak from London Hotel.

The loss by Miss Blanche Tomlin, the actress, of a fur cloak and shawl, worth £500, in November, was the subject of a charge of theft at Marlborough-street, yesterday.

Day against Bernard John Crewe of Ampthill, Bedfordshire.

It was alleged that Crewe, who was arrested at Ampthill, told the police that he had taken it, by permission, as security for a £10 bet made with a casual acquaintance during a visit to London. This man, he said, took it to the Piccadilly Hotel—for which the things were missing and pointed them out to him, and he took them later. Crewe was remanded on bail of £500 and a personal recognisance of £1,000.



Miss Tomlin.

IRISH COMMISSIONER.

Mr. J. McNeill Free State's First Representative in London.

Mr. James McNeill, brother of Professor John McNeill, Minister of Education in the Irish Free State, has been appointed First High Commissioner in London for the Free State.

He is a graduate of Cambridge and served in the India Civil Service, in which he rose to the rank of Commissioner in the Bombay Presidency.

He retired from the I.C.S. in 1914 and became interested on his return to Ireland in the constructive side of Sinn Fein.

RAILWAY WAGE HITCH.

Deadlock Over Companies' Decision to End Shopmen's War Bonus.

Negotiations took place yesterday between sub-committees representing the railway companies' staff and labour committee and the National Union of Railwaymen with regard to an application from the companies for the withdrawal of the minimum £s. 6d. of the war bonus payable to railway shopmen.

Mr. G. T. Cramp, industrial secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, said that the union had strenuously resisted the reduction and contended that even without the further reduction of £s. 6d. the shopmen were not adequately remunerated.

The companies, he said, pressed the reduction, and it was not possible to find even a basis of agreement. The conference broke up without any arrangement having been made to resume the negotiations.

AIR CHIEF'S FLIGHT.

Ten Minutes' Ride in German Machine—London-Berlin Service.

Major-General Sir W. S. Brander, Director of Civil Aviation, yesterday made a ten-minute flight in the all-metal German Dornier machine at the Croydon Aerodrome.

Among others who had flights were the German Ambassador.

Later in the day the two directors of the German Aero-Lloyd Combine, who arrived in the machine, left for Germany.

Arrangements are being made for a regular service of passenger aeroplanes between the London Aerodrome and Berlin.

CANED BOY.

A Rummey schoolmaster—Mr. Henry Frank Barnden—successfully appealed at Monmouth County Sessions yesterday against a conviction and 40s. fine for thrashing a thirteen-year-old pupil.

The boy had said that he received eight blows with a stick because he could not answer decimal questions.

RED COATS FOR WHOLE ARMY?

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£2,000,000 COST.

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This movement had a certain success during

Mr. Churchill's regime at the War Office, when the Guards were provided with scarlet tunics and bearskins.

The object in view is to make soldiers more attractive when they "walk out" and to add to their dignity on ceremonial occasions.

Advocates of the change seem to forget, however, that their pet scheme would cost the country at least £2,000,000.

ARMY'S ECONOMY MOVES

Cuts Which Foreshadow Failure of Full-Dress Fever.

By Our Political Correspondent.

Some of the more enthusiastic advocates of a "fully-dressed" Army have gone so far as to prophesy that the next Army Estimates will include provision for more red jackets and blue trousers after the manner of the Brigade of Guards and the Household Cavalry.

What, however, the enthusiasts do not appear to realise is that red jackets and blue trousers would cost considerably more than a suit purchased at a cheap tailor's in the Strand.

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This is an expenditure which Mr. Bonar Law and his Chancellor would obviously feel considerable difficulty in justifying in the House of Commons, even if they find themselves in possession of the surplus predicted at the close of the current financial year.

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Besides, they would be confronted with the difficult problem of showing that "Tommy" is more efficient in blue trousers than in khaki, which may be pointed out that even in the case of the Guards of Guards, which with the Household Cavalry make the only unit in full-dress uniform, the stringency of economy is such that officers in possession of pre-war articles are permitted to retain them in use until July, 1924.

The only new pattern article which officers will be able to get is the star indicating their rank, and the cost of this is very small indeed.

PRISON FOR MOTORIST.

Nine Months' Gaol and £250 Fine for Killing Glasgow Glass Worker.

Nine months' imprisonment and a fine of £250 was the sentence passed in Glasgow High Court yesterday on James Douglas Vallance for killing a young glass worker with his motor.

Witnesses stated that the car was travelling at forty miles an hour.

OTHER NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Thames rose yesterday to five feet above the normal at Shepperton.

Corporation Fish Farm.—Halifax Corporation is to purchase £50 worth of fish for stocking the reservoirs.

Ex-Kaiser Cards.—Postcards of the ex-Kaiser and his bride will be on sale in alt countries next month, says a Hague message.

Lord Morley III.—Lord Morley has written to an educational conference at Blackburn expressing regret that illness forbade him to attend.

Thanksgiving.—To mark his election as Labour M.P., Mr. Patrick Hastings entertained 8,000 Wallsend children to tea and the cinema.

Diplomatic Change.—Full diplomatic relations having been opened, M. Naroushevitch becomes Lithuanian Minister in London instead of Charge d'affaires.

Administrator's Death.—Colonel Hugh Drummond Pearson, president of the Wadai Boundary Commission, has died in the Sudan of black-water fever.—Reuter.

Shepperton Flight.—The boom defence raft brought across the mainford site to the Swale Channel was used for the first time yesterday in crossing to the Isle of Sheppey.

£5,000 Murder Reward.—A reward of £5,000 (Egyptian) is offered for information leading to the arrest of the murderers of Hassan Abdel Razek Pasha, Ismail Zuhdi Bey and Professor Robson in Cairo.—Reuter.

TOTAL BREAKDOWN OF REPARATIONS CONFERENCE

M. Poincaré to Request Reparations Commission to Enforce Coal Penalties.

PREMIER'S RETURN—CABINET MEET TO-DAY.

British Refuse to Take Responsibility for French Proposals—U.S. to Make a Move?

The Allied Reparations Conference broke down last night in Paris. Mr. Bonar Law and his colleagues are returning to London this afternoon. The Cabinet will be called immediately to consider the situation.

A British official statement asserts that the French proposals would not obtain the desired result, and would have a disastrous effect on Europe's economic situation. The British Government could not take responsibility for such a step, but assured France of the continued friendship of Britain.

M. Poincaré replied that it was impossible to throw over the Treaty of Versailles, but that the relations between Britain and France remained unchanged. France would continue to act in full accord with Britain in the Near East negotiations.

An aeroplane carrying to London copies of Mr. Bonar Law's statement yesterday had to land soon after leaving Le Bourget owing to engine trouble.

NO RUPTURE OF ENTENTE WITH FRANCE.

Cordial Assurances by Both Allied Premiers.

END OF THE MEETING.

PARIS, Thursday

The Conference is over. No agreement has been reached. The British delegates are returning to London to-morrow.

When the Conference broke up at 6.35 it was announced that the different points of view were irreconcilable.

Mr. Bonar Law, in a statement to the Press, said that the concluding act of the Conference was the exchange of formal statements between the British and French Prime Ministers.

Mr. Bonar Law said: Our discussion today was, as it has been all through, of the most friendly character, and as both M. Poincaré and I had come to the conclusion that there was this vital difference of opinion between us, it was obvious that nothing could be gained by long discussions and arguments.

We therefore came to the conclusion, to the great regret, I am sure, of the French Government and I know of our own, that agreement on this question was not possible.

"DISASTROUS TO EUROPE."

The British Government were definitely of opinion that the French proposals would not only fail in attaining the desired results, but were likely to have a grave and even disastrous effect upon the economic situation in Europe, and in these circumstances they could not take part in or accept responsibility for them.

While they regretted extremely that, there should be an irreconcileable difference of view on a subject so important, the feeling of friendliness toward France remained unchanged.

M. Poincaré (continued Mr. Bonar Law) replied that the longer the French Government studied the British proposals, the more they felt obliged to recognise that they would involve, together with a considerable reduction of the debts owing to France, the overthrow of the Versailles Treaty, and that it was impossible for them to accept such a proposal.

The French Government deeply regretted their inability to agree with Great Britain on this serious question, but gave an assurance that, in spite of this difference of opinion, the sentiments of the French Government and nation towards England remained unchangingly cordial.

"THE DITCH."

Among other points made in his statement to the Press Mr. Bonar Law said: "M. Poincaré stated what was obvious to both of us, that in the conference in London we had felt this difference between the two countries was so great as to make it almost impossible to come to an agreement."

"That did not prevent the two Governments from doing their utmost to secure an agreement." M. Poincaré to-day said that there was a ditch between us, and that as there seemed to be no bridge the only chance of agreement would be that we should find our way from one side of the ditch to the other.—Reuter.

MUSSOLINI PLOT ARRESTS.

Following the discovery of a Communist plot against Signor Mussolini, the Italian Premier, several suspected Communists, including Maccazzi, leader of the party, have been arrested at Fermo, where a secret society was formed with the motto, "Let's do it."—Exchange.

M. POINCARÉ'S PLEDGE OF NEAR EAST ACCORD.

Reparations Commission Asked to Take Action.

AMERICA TO STEP IN?

PARIS, Thursday

M. Poincaré in a statement at the close of the Conference said:—

"It should be made clear that if the difference of view between England and France on the question of reparations is complete and irreconcilable, the agreement continues between the two countries on all the other clauses of the Versailles Treaty."

The rupture is therefore not general, and it may be stated that the instructions have been given to the French delegates at Lausanne to continue the negotiations there in full accord with England.

"Now that the Conference has broken down we are going to ask the Reparations Commission to take action on the failure of Germany regarding the delivery of coal."

"Sir John Bradbury has officially informed M. Barthou, President of the Commission, that he will refuse to take part in the discussion on this matter. Consequently, according to the Versailles Treaty, the Commission will not be able to take the matter up until its third meeting.—Exchange."

"FRANCE WILL ACT ALONE."

Giving the French view of the Conference breakdown the Havas Agency correspondent (quoted by Reuter) says: "We do not think that France will wait for the execution of what we asked her Allies to subscribe to, but all hope of Great Britain eventually rallying to the French scheme, if experience shows that it is efficacious and productive, must not be given up yet."

M. Theunis, the Belgian Premier, at the end of the conference declared his profound grief that, despite joint efforts, the two Allies had not been able to agree, says the Central News.

"Italy Sides with France." At a meeting of the Italian Council yesterday Signor Mussolini, the Premier, said Italy could not accept the British reparations plan.—Reuter.

President Harding, after learning of the disagreement in Paris, has cancelled all engagements, and is beginning discussions with Mr. Harvey and Mr. Hughes. It is understood, regarding early American action, states an Exchange.

BRITISH REPLY.

Claim That Proposal is a Practical and a Generous Offer.

The text of the British reply to the French objections was issued last night and the summary of it sets forth that:—

"The British Government hold that their proposal embodies a practical offer because the total which they propose while levying a heavy burden on Germany, is likely to command itself to the opinion of the world as reasonable. France has agreed to accept the offer, in spite of her own great need and of her own liability to America. Great Britain has offered not merely to share with her Allies the reduction of the reparation total but in addition to cancel her Allied debts to a total of nearly £1,100 million sterling, a sum provided by the creation of British debts, the burden of which the British taxpayer will for at least a generation have to bear."

PEER TO SINK NEW PIT SHAFT.

Lord Londonderry announced at Seaford Harbour Conservative Club last night that he proposed to sink a new pit shaft at Seaford.



Mrs. Anna Cesari, of New Mexico, was hit by a piece of glass from a burst bottle at a mineral water factory at Kingston.



Ted Smith, who won a competition to find the best uniform for the Army against South Africa with one ticket to fall.

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TOOK DAGGERS TO BED.

Journalist's Worst Experience on 1,500-Mile Tramp Across Europe.

After accomplishing a 1,500-mile tramp through Europe from Ostend to Constantinople, Mr. Ralph Michaels, a young journalist, arrived at Victoria yesterday evening.

Dressed in a sheep-skin coat, which he bought in Adrianople, Mr. Michaels presented a curious figure. He said he had been wandering some hundreds of miles, had been extremely fit and intended to embody his experiences in a book.

"The only time I 'got the wind up,'" he remarked, "was in a Bulgarian hotel. I slept in a room with three Bulgarians and the noise of their snoring was awful. I dropped my boots on the floor to try and stop it and looking at my companions found that each of them had gone to sleep with long knives by their sides."

PHARAOH'S STAFF FOUND.

Unique Discovery in Tut-ankh Amen's Tomb—Adorned with Beetle Wings.

Four exquisite Alabaster vases with unique carved handles and containing perfumes used to anoint Tut-ankh Amen's body in the palace were recently discovered in the tomb. They were removed by the English Archaeological Expedition. Also an empty alabaster jar.

The most important discovery yesterday was one of the king's staves, believed to be absolutely unique and made of several different barks, ornamented by the wings—elytra—of richly-hued beetles.

As Dr. Alan Gardiner is deciphering the inscriptions on each box removed from the tomb it will probably be possible to obtain a complete inventory of the articles originally stored there.

PRINCESS VICTORIA IMPROVING.

Princess Victoria, who is suffering from bronchitis, yesterday showed a slight improvement. She maintains her strength, although the progress towards recovery is slow.

Harrods Sale - Monday!

Far surpassing in scope and extent all other Bargain-Events, Harrods 6-Day Sale is your greatest Opportunity for securing Quality Bargains in Dress, Furnishings and Food. Come early or post early!

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Harrods Sale Special

SILK HOSE 300 PRS.

These are truly astonishing bargains. Finished with lisle thread tops, reinforced heels and toes and sealed at both ends. In Black, White, Silver, Putty, Pastel Castor, Mid-Grey, Nigger. **SALE 3'11**

Harrods Sale Special

APRON CLOTH 50 ins. WIDE

5,000 yards of this useful linen-finished fabric; recommended for nurses among others. Wonderfully durable in wear and really extraordinary value. Usually offered at per yard 2s 6d. **SALE 2'6**

Harrods Sale Special

MAROCAIN RIBBON

This is of exceptionally good quality (B1-B10) and is available in Navy, Nigger, Royal, Scarlet, White, Pao, Rust, Emerald, Grey, Electric, Violet, Magenta. 44ins. wide. Usually, per yard, 1/14. **SALE 1'4**

Harrods Sale Special

JAPANESE SILK

36ins. wide, good heavy weight. Can be recommended for enduring wash and wear. Suitable for blouses, lingerie or children's wear. Usually per yd. 4/6 **SALE 3'9**

Per dozen yards 44/-

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17'6

Harrods Sale Special

FINE WHISKY GOBLETS

A remarkable bargain, these! In fine English Crystal, with substantial leg and cut diamond base. Usually per doz. **SALE 22'6**

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Harrods Sale Special

BARGAINS IN OVERALLS

(FO 533) These are practical in design with short sleeves; in good quality washing Gabardine: checkered and white check. Neck and sleeves piped Black Satin. Usually 6s. **SALE 5'6**

5'6

Harrods Sale Special

WOOL FROCKS FOR TOTS

Made with round neck and finished with contrasting shade. Girdle at waist. In Rose, Champagne, Emerald, Sky, Saxe, Fawn. Sizes 16 to 18ins. for Children 2 to 4. **SALE 5'11**

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Harrods Sale Special

HAND BAGS IN HIDE

750 of these in velvet, crocodile hide. Flap-over design with inner division. Fitted mirror and purse. Available in Grey or Fawn. A handsome bargain. Usually 17s. **SALE**

9'6

Harrods Sale Special

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 1923.

FAILURE.
BUT OUR FRIENDSHIP WITH FRANCE
REMAINS.

THE latest and last of a long series of reparations conferences ended (like the others) in failure yesterday evening.

This biggest of failures unfortunately marks the parting of the ways between ourselves and our French friends as regards the control of German finances and the mode of securing payment.

Paris has come to the conclusion that the divergent points of view are irreconcilable. We have only to console ourselves with the further statement that the disagreement was pronounced to be "perfectly friendly."

Let us at once say that there is no reason why that perfect friendliness should cease as between Britain and France.

It must be the first aim of our Government to "maintain the most cordial relations" with the French on all other points that affect the European position. *We must not allow our friendship with France to be broken.* It was made and cemented on the battlefields where so many thousands of our brave men lie. It is based on years of bitter suffering nobly endured in common. It must not be interrupted, much less severed, by a momentary disagreement about an aim we both wish to attain.

That aim is the fulfilment of the pledges given to this country, as to the French, at the time of the Treaty of Versailles.

We will not enter into a discussion of the disputed phrases of the Treaty.

It is enough to say (what every plain man knows) that one of its primary objects was to secure from Germany a just payment for all the ruin and grief her warmongers had brought upon the world.

In those days no dissentient voice—not even the voice of President Wilson—was raised against that just project of retribution.

Was France to see her soil ravaged, her fruit trees and cornfields utterly destroyed, her mines ruined, her towns levelled to the ground—and get nothing for her victory over the ruthless invader? No: the terms of restitution were defined, payment was authorised, conditions were specified. Since then what has Germany done?

She has deliberately engineered a currency collapse, cancelled her accepted obligations by a patent fraud, and is now left, under Herr Stinnes and the other magnates of the peace, smiling at the discomfiture of her late enemies.

France holds that every year, every month, of delay we grant Germany is thus utilised for further evasion. Germany counts upon these delays in order to go further on the same path.

The time for these procrastinations has ended. France sees it. Therefore she will act alone.

Copious explanations about the details of yesterday's disagreement were issued on both sides last night. They will repay careful reading. But, after all, their general purport is only to accentuate the differences they develop at such length, and those differences, we repeat, relate merely to the means not to the end we all have in view. They should therefore not be insisted upon.

For it would be very unfortunate were France and Great Britain not to be on terms of most cordial co-operation in view of the grave unsettlement in the Near East. There is enough trouble in that direction to make the outlook very gloomy. We must trust that the two countries chiefly concerned will not permit their present differences to lead to others in other parts of the world.

Once more, our aim is to gain justice for the cruel wrong done to France—to all the world—by the unparalleled aggression of 1914.

If we bring those days back to memory we shall stick to the one point that really matters—our sense of a common interest with France.

THROUGH "THE MIRROR."

Reparations Conferences—The Woman of the Future—The Censorship of Books—Fortune Telling Fraud.

NO RESULT!

WE have had about a dozen Reparation Conferences since the war, and none of them has led to any definite result.

Does not this fact illustrate the bankruptcy of European statesmanship? A. L. P. Hammersmith.

BAD BOOKS.

THE "naughty novel" may, or may not, be extremely naughty, but it is certainly intensely dull. Give me a good adventure yarn instead. Then you at least get something worth reading.

CRITIC.

MOST of us admit, I think, that good books do good. Surely the influence of such books as "The Pilgrim's Progress" and "The

MODERN WOMEN.

YOUR contributor who writes about the women of the future is evidently a great optimist. I see no prospect of modern women "evolving" in the manner she suggests.

I think women will continue to behave as they are behaving in these days.

The world is divided into two classes in about ten years' time.

The first class will be the "mannish" woman. She will be without affection and without home ties, and she will be rushing about the world competing with men at their own jobs, and generally doing them very badly.

And the other class will be the weaker and more feminine type of woman—many of whom will be reduced by the strain of modern life to a condition of nervous breakdown.

This prophecy may sound pessimistic, but I

ONE WAY OF BECOMING A "BEST SELLER."



Get your friends to go about everywhere saying that your latest book is so improper that it ought to be suppressed.

Imitation of Christ" has been very great in the world?

Surely they have helped many people to get through the terrible trials and to resist temptation? This is so, how can we deny that bad books will have a bad influence?

I have read the banned French novel—or most of it—and I consider there is no excuse for the publication of such a book. The main story is simply a commonplace recital of a horrid girl's downfall and her subsequent recovery—a recovery, by the way, absolutely impossible in view of her habits, one of which is the consumption of cocaine and opium.

G. LEVERDET.

FAIRIES.

IN what part of the Bible does a "religious man" find mention of fairies?

It is on record that there are angels in Heaven, but anyone with any common sense knows that fairies are imaginary beings, only invented for the amusement of children.

TWO CHRISTIANS.

BRIGHTEN TRAFALGAR-SQUARE?

WHILE walking round Trafalgar-square a few evenings ago I was struck by its dreary and dismal aspect. It seemed strange that a spot so central and frequented by so many people should be in such a state.

Why not have festoons of fairy lamps or other coloured lights encircling the square to brighten it up a little and make it a place worthy to gaze upon after darkness sets in?

Bushey, Herts. R. S. H.

believe it to be more probable than that of your contributor.

J. M. F.

Cromwell-place, S.W.

FORTUNE TELLING.

PERSONALLY I don't believe in fortune telling, though many people make a point of having their fortunes told in the New Year, hoping that the predictions will help them to go through the year.

Serious-minded people are likely to believe what is told them about love affairs, which invariably come to pass.

I know a party of people who went out on New Year's Day to have their fortunes told, and nearly all of them were told the same thing. Eight of the ten, for instance, were told that they would never be in need of money, and that if they spent their last penny to-day, money would surely come their way to-morrow!

I am sure that most of these so-called fortune tellers recite ridiculous things by heart, occasionally making a few variations.

M. W.

IN MY GARDEN.

JAN. 4.—Complete the pruning of fruit trees without delay. Thin out the centres in order that light and air may reach the boughs; also remove crowded wood and branches that cross.

The ground around fruit trees must be kept clear from grass and weeds. Manure can now be applied to trees in full bearing. Black currants, raspberries and gooseberries should also be dressed. It is most important to firmly stake recently planted fruit trees.

E. F. T.

A MODERN WOMAN'S SENSE OF HUMOUR.

WHY IT HAS DEVELOPED IN RECENT YEARS.

By FRANCIS GRIBBLE.

IN view of the fact, now made public, that twenty-nine women were included in the list of last year's contributors to *Punch*, men cannot well refuse to reconsider their old arrogant dogma that women have no sense of humour.

And no doubt they will be glad to do so, for a woman who has a sense of humour is, other things being equal, a more pleasant companion than a woman who has none.

Even when they laid down the rule they were obliged to admit exceptions to it. Neither to Jane Austen nor to George Eliot could the possession of a sense of humour be denied.

Not a rolicking sense of humour, perhaps—one does not readily picture George Eliot exchanging quips across the famous round table with her great contemporary Thackeray—but still a sense of humour which was both genuine and deeply seated.

In those days, however, it was taken for granted that the exceptions were as rare as black swans or white crows; and a prediction that twenty-nine women would soon, in one year, be contributing to one comic paper would have been received with sceptical derision by our rude forefathers.

Let us salute the change and try to account for it.

We shall find the explanation a very simple one.

It is not that men have misjudged women by denying them a sense of humour in the past; it is rather that women have changed under the influence of a more complete education and a wider experience.

A sense of humour, be it observed, does not imply *frivolity*. People with a keen sense of humour are often extremely serious.

A WIDER OUTLOOK.

What it does imply, according to the philosophers who deal in definitions, is a quick perception of incongruities.

Some humour is crude, and can be grasped by anyone. Some incongruities move even the stupidest to mirth: the incongruous spectacle, for instance, of an orator ending an eloquent harangue by sitting down on his top hat.

Subtle and creative humour, however, depends not only upon a peculiar turn of mind, but also upon a knowledge, more often derived from life than from books, enabling its possessor to see more than one picture at a time and construct a new and unexpectedly absurd picture by bringing them together and contrasting them.

Men in the past have had, if not a monopoly, at least the lion's share of the knowledge and experience needed for this purpose.

Women, with their narrower range of interests, were brought up to view trifles seriously, and take decorative persons like statesmen, Bishops and beadle at their magnificent face value.

Now, higher education and emancipation, among the other great changes which they have brought about, have taught a large number of women, not only to see jokes, but also to make them.

The twenty-nine women contributors to *Punch*—who should be photographed in a group—furnish one example of the truth of this remark.

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WEDDING OF IRISH BARONET'S DAUGHTER



In contrast to the scenes of violence that continue in Dublin is this happy picture of Captain E. Boylan, M.C., D.S.O., Royal Horse Artillery, and his bride, Miss Eileen O'Brien, daughter of Sir Timothy O'Brien, married at Blackrock.



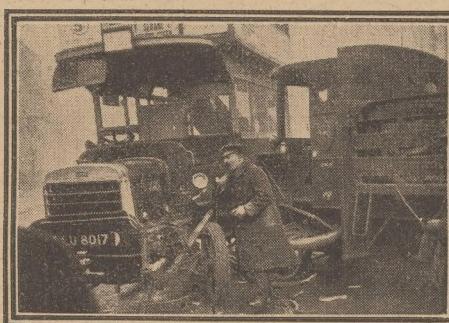
1917
Mr. A. D. Kearns,
who has resigned
the general
management
of the Cunard
Steamship Company,
though
remaining a director.



1915
Mr. S. W. Smith, who
has been missing from
his home at Stratton-
road, Shirley, Southam-
pton, since Novem-
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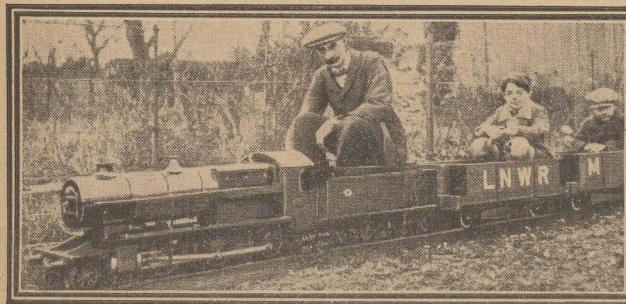
1915
George Perry, re-
manded at Burslem on
the charge of mur-
dering his sister-in-law,
Emma Perry, on Box-
ing Day.



BUS AND LORRY COLLIDE.—A bus and motor-lorry after their collision yesterday in a street at Homerton. *Yester* *day*
bus passengers were shaken and bruised.



LONDON SCHOOLS WIN.—A diminutive schoolboy scores the first goal for London Schools in their match at Homerton yesterday against Country Schools. London won 4-0.



VILLAGE STOREKEEPER'S HOBBY.—Mr. Waller, storekeeper at the village of Farningham, Kent, giving a ride to children on one of the two model locomotives to be shown by him at the model engineer exhibition to-day.

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TO-DAY'S GOSSIP

News and Views About Men, Women, and Affairs in General



Gabrielle Casartelli, who is appearing at the Holborn in "Where the Rainbow Ends," is making her first stage appearance in "The Blue Bird."

FIGHTING FOR PEACE!

A Literary "Curiosity"—"Beggar's Opera" Boom—Society Woman's Accident.

THERE HAVE, I am told, been some smart passages of arms at the meetings of some of the sub-commissions at Lausanne. M. Spalakovitch, of Serbia, in particular, has been outspoken. "Ismet," he said to the Turkish representative, in the presence of ten other delegates, "I would rather have to wage two wars with you than to conclude one peace."

"Drino."

The Marquis and Marchioness of Carisbrooke have gone to Madrid to pay their usual visit to the former's sister, the Queen of Spain. "Drino," as he is known in the royal circle (being an abbreviation of his Christian name of Alexander) is one of the smartest-looking men in the Royal Family; and is always immaculately "turned out." He is as fond of dancing as is his wife, the tall and amiable daughter of the late Earl of Londesborough.

Painter Joins the Chorus.

Possessed of a tenor voice of fine quality, Mr. Frank Goulding, the well-known artist, is at present in the chorus of "Polly." Frank Goulding is best known by his drawings of the odd corners of London, which are done in a way only known to the artist himself. Always in demand as a singer by his friends, he decided to add to his income by going on the stage.

Newdigate Poems.

A correspondent writes: With regard to the Newdigate Poem, I have been told that there are no finer lines in any poem of modern times than the following from that on Buddha with which Canon Alexander, of St. Paul's Cathedral, won the Newdigate in 1887:

*For he was one to whom, on viewless wings,
Came far-off visions of diviner things,
Who takes upon him, silent and alone,
The great world's griefs, and makes them all
his own.*

A Millionaire's Daughter.

The Earl and Countess of Granard are on their way home from what is becoming an annual visit to the U.S.A. Lady Granard likes to go over as often as she can, for she is an American, the daughter of the millionaire Ogden Mills. She is so well dowered that she is popularly supposed to be one of the few London hostesses who can really afford to entertain on a pre-war scale.

George Moore as Dramatist.

Mr. George Moore, whose new play, "The Coming of Gabrielle," is about to be produced, is better-known as a novelist than as a dramatist. He is the author, however, of a number of plays, and some years ago he collaborated with the late John Oliver Hobbes in the first act of a comedy entitled "The Fool's Hour," which appeared in the first number of "The Yellow Book."

In a Taxi Accident.

Mrs. Hilda Williams has been laid up at Clarion's as the result of a taxi accident, but she hopes soon to be able to get back to Coombe. The dining-room walls of her house there she has herself painted in an Italian design, with many birds.

Hunting.

Lord and Lady Ednam are getting some hunting in the Duke of Beaufort's country, from Lyngrove, where they are staying with the Hon. Mrs. Capel. Besides the hunting, there has been a good deal of entertaining going on in that part of the world.



New Don Juan.

Mr. Arnold Bennett has written a play called "Don Juan," which is described as a "literary curiosity." An edition, limited to 3,000 numbered and signed copies, is being issued by Werner Laurie at the unusual price of three guineas. Mr. Bennett has hitherto dealt mainly with the drab lives of the lower middle classes, and he has in consequence been called a Realist. In this play he mixes high romance with low passion.

The Plot.

Don Juan is heir to the richest dukedom in Spain. Full of the pride of race and easy conquest, he vows to devote his life and fortune to the pursuit of his ideal—Love. But his dying father proposes to legitimate an illegitimate elder son, who will receive all the family estates. Don Juan then becomes severely practical. He does away with his brother and then, as one might say, "embarks upon a career of crime."

Prince of Darkness.

He has no sense of honour in his quest of love. Indeed, he can make love over the dead body of a discarded lover, but though women hate him they cannot resist his fascination. He becomes a true Prince of Darkness, but it is comforting to learn that in the end there comes a day of reckoning with no nonsense about it.

Theatrical Power.

A considerable power in the theatrical world, though little known to the general public, is Mr. J. A. E. Malone, whose portrait I give here. He is a son of Captain J. Malone, V.C., and was educated at Edinburgh University, where he studied medicine

prior to going to St. Mary's Hospital. He soon migrated to the stage, and for twenty-two years was associated with the late George Edwards.

Successes.

When the firm of Grossmith and Laurillard dissolved in 1920, Mr. Malone joined up with Mr. George Grossmith, and shares with him in the success of "The Cabaret Girl," "East of Suez" and "The Cat and the Canary." He was one of the founders of "The Midnight Follies," and it says something for his shrewdness that he has never selected an unsuccessful play since he became a manager.

An Irving Relic.

Mr. Russell Thorndike tells me that he has just purchased the rifle that Sir Henry Irving carried in "A Story of Waterloo." Mr. Thorndike is a keen admirer of Irving, and one of the rooms in his house at Wrotham is devoted entirely to relics of the great actor.

Stamford Infirmary Ball.

The Stamford Infirmary ball is one of the important events of the winter season in the Midlands, and this year's function proved no exception. A very able number of stewards which included Lord Ivor Churchill and Lord Lansdale, saw to that! There were big parties from Burghley, Normanton and Apethorpe.

Well-Known Publisher.

The last time I saw Sidney Pawling, the late William Heinemann's partner, whose death has been announced, was shortly after the death of Claud Lovat Fraser. He had just returned from America, where he had been making arrangements for the publication of Fraser's "Beggar's Opera" book. Pawling was largely responsible for encouraging Fraser to leave business and take to an artistic career. He was his godfather and lived to see his advice amply justified.

Rush for "The Beggar's Opera."

I looked into the Lyric, Hammersmith, last night to see how "The Beggar's Opera" was faring after the great success of "Polly." More people had been turned away than it had been possible to find seats for, and the advance booking was greater than it had been during the whole two and a half years of the run. The explanation, I was told, was that many people anxious to see "Polly" who had not seen "The Beggar's Opera" were rushing to do so in order to appreciate the sequel.

Yesterday's Weddings.

St. Margaret's, Westminster, was packed yesterday for the wedding of Mr. Bertram Currie and Miss Alexandra Alston. The church was white with chrysanthemums and lilac—an unusual flower to see at this season. The bride was a glittering and imposing figure in white and silver. There were bridesmaids "to match" who carried sheaves of lilies. The pipers of the Scots Guards "skirred" outside the church and the organist played the "Wedding March" inside, the result being a little distracting to the normal ear.

At St. Mark's.

Yesterdays' other wedding was that of Miss Lorna Campbell and Captain W. H. Smith, at St. Mark's, North Audley-street. This was a "left-handed" wedding, for, as the bridegroom had lost his right arm, the usual positions had to be reversed. The bride's dress and train was all of white velvet. Each bridesmaid carried, not a bouquet, but three long-stalked red roses.

"Charley's Aunt" Club.

The "Charley's Aunt" Club, which consists of people who have been associated with evergreen play, has for its president Mrs. Brandon-Thomas, widow of the author, and there are 300 members. Miss Edna Best made her stage debut in a "Charley's Aunt" company, and some well-known "aunties" include Mr. Hugh Wakefield and Mr. Stanley Cook. A "Charley's Aunt" ball will be held at the Great Central on Sunday week.

One Way Out.

I hear of a middle-aged couple who were very badly hit by trade depression. They let their house furnished, and are now living in Germany and are saving money!

Catastrophe!

"Lost: Half Persian Cat." Mollie read the notice and then looked up at her mother with a troubled face. "But, mother," she said, "how will they put the cat together again?"



Baroness Gouraud, a noted Paris hostess, whose husband was associated with Napoleon.



The Hon. Mrs. Alexander Hareng, whose husband has just been appointed an Equerry-in-Waiting to the King.

Morals in France.

In spite of M. Anatole France, I refuse to believe that M. Margueritte's picture of the post-war girl in "La Garçonne" is a true one. When such lurid accounts of her behaviour are thrust before me I always recall a scrap of dialogue which once passed between the late Dean Farrar and Jowett, the famous Master of Balliol.

The Characteristic Vice!

The Dean denounced the iniquity of the age in no measured terms. He went through a long catalogue of its vices and wound up by asking the Master what he considered its most pernicious tendency. "Well, I am inclined to think," the Master chirruped, "that the most characteristic vice of the times in which we live is its deplorable habit of exaggeration."

Choirboy Actors.

Sir Richard Terry is superintending the production of "The Nativity," a mystery play by the late Mgr. R. H. Benson, which is being given during the evenings of this week in Westminster Cathedral Hall. The play is acted by the choirboys of Westminster Cathedral, and the incidental music consists of a number of carols, many of which have been set to music by Sir Richard himself.

Epitaph of the S.E.C.R.

Mr. Herbert Mundin, the comedian, suggests to me that as the South-Eastern and Chatham Railway Company is now defunct, it should go down to posterity as the inventor of the "slocomotive." THE RAMBLER.

The Theatre

EACH of the school holidays of the year has its peculiar attraction. In the summer it is going away to the Seaside; in the winter it is Christmas festivities and indoor amusements. The theatres recognise this and many arrange their programmes accordingly. Children delight in play or pantomime. Parents revel in the children's delight and if the entertainment be a good one the grown-ups get double value. As for the Journey. The trams in the South of London serve Victoria and the Embankment from almost every district. The subway cars from Highgate serve Holborn, Aldwych and the Embankment and connect en route with many other services North of the Thames. There are few theatres, music halls and cinemas that do not lie within easy reach of London's Tramway system. Late Services are provided and the journey home presents no anxiety if it be made by tramcar.

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SEASON'S DEBUTANTES



Miss Louisa Forbes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forbes, of Calverdale, one of this season's charming debutantes. She is already very popular.



The Hon. Marie Acton, the beautiful daughter of Lord and Lady Acton, also a debutante of this season. She is seventeen years old and is everywhere admired.

BRIDESMAIDS IN



Bridesmaids in white and silver carrying sheets Westminster, of Mr. Bertram Currie and



VILLA MYSTERY INQUEST.—Fred Wood, charged with the murder of Miss Gilchrist White at Bramhall, near Stockport, arriving at the inquest yesterday. He asked the coroner why the inquest was adjourned.



FILM STAR'S RESOLVE.—Miss Pearl White, the "queen of serial-film heroines," who is now in Paris, is reported to have expressed a resolve to enter a convent.



RHINE ARMY DEFEATED.—A try by Kent; but after the whistle had blown for scrum in their match against the Rhine Army Rugby team at Blackheath. The County, who opened well, won by 23 points to 6. Cass, of the Army, was injured, and Kent lost Bruce, who had to leave the field.



PETER PAN BALL.—Lila Cassell (right) as Miss Norma Talmadge in "Smiling Through," first prizewinner at the Children's Peter Pan Ball at Southend. C. Brown (left) took second prize.

Mr. Currie with his bride in honour of Scots Guards



MASTERS' CONFERENCE opens the conference of head Stuart (right), retiring pres (left)

WHITE AND SILVER



at the wedding yesterday at St. Margaret's,andra Alston, a godchild of Queen Alexandra.



church between a guard of
aily Mirror photographs.)



ord-Mayor of London (centre)
the Guildhall. Mr. C. M.
roduced Mr. R. F. Cholmley
cessor.

TWO WOMEN HONOURED



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Mrs. Rivers, mother of
Private Jacob Rivers, V.C.,
killed at Neuve Chapelle in
1915, to be admitted to the
freedom of the borough of
Derby.



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Mrs. McCarterley, ap-
pointed president of the
East Anglian Agricultural Society.
She was commandant of
Down Hall Hospital, Har-
low, during the war.

KING VISITS PARIS



King Albert of Belgium received at the Elysée in Paris by M. de Fouquières (left). The King, who had spent a short holiday in the South of France, has now returned to Brussels. He travelled incognito.

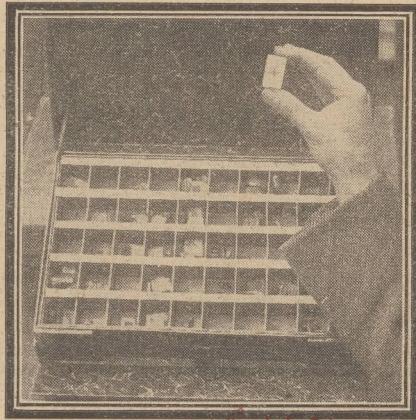
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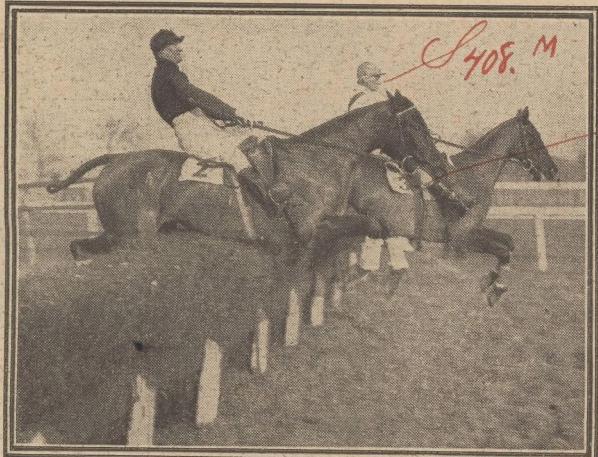
Dame Nellie Melba, who has promised to sing, without fee, the part of Mimi in "La Bohème" at Covent Garden on January 17, to encourage the efforts to produce opera in English.



SHOT DEAD IN MEXICO.—Mr. Wil-
fred Gore Ewart, only son of Mr. Herbert
Ewart, who has been the victim of a stray
bullet at his hotel during festivities in
Mexico City.



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MORE GERMS FOUND.—A case containing tubes of
germs found in a doorway in Henrietta-street, Strand.
This is the third case of germs which has been found
since December 27.



Memento, the winner, beating Matcho Paani in the Leatherhead Steeplechase.

FAVOURITES' DAY AT GATWICK.—The racing at Gatwick yesterday showed a list of successful favourites. Memento and White Ronald gave a



Sheepshead (leading) and White Ronald, winner of Hookwood 'Chase,

double to Poole's stable, the brothers Rees being the jockeys. Sheepshead fell when leading from White Ronald in the Hookwood Steeplechase.

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THE WAY OF SACRIFICE

By E. ALMAZ STOUT



SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS.

MRS. WOOD, an invalid, not likely to live much longer, has given up all ambitions for her daughter Primrose to marry Sir Stanley Bircham, the Sheriff of Whilcomb.

To her delight the two become very fond of each other, so that the announcement of their engagement is expected daily. But Helen Dale, a wonderfully beautiful girl, appears on the scene, and, to Mrs.

Wood's dismay, sweeps Sir Stanley off his feet. Mrs. Wood discloses to Sir Stanley that he is in love—temporarily, at any rate—with Helen, and for her daughter's sake she determines to make Helen Dale go away before it is too late.

Sir Helen tells her the girl refuses. Then Mrs. Wood tells her an amazing story of how Primrose's father went to goal for theft to save Garth Dale, Helen's father. The latter had been too cowardly to admit his guilt.

At first Helen is to believe the story, but Mrs. Wood has convincing proof of it in the form of a letter. At last the elder woman states her terms.

"It is your happiness against Primrose's," she says. "Give her back her lover and I will give you what I have given you. Never pass my lips again. If you don't, all the world shall know your father for the thief and coward he is!"

Helen decides, after a big struggle, to sacrifice her happiness rather than be taken from disgrace. She writes a letter to Sir Stanley which gives the impression that she can never really care for him.

Mrs. Wood dies, but not before she has seen Primrose married to Sir Stanley, whose proposal was actually clinched by sympathetic Helen.

As the time goes by Primrose begins to realize that her husband does not really love her. Definite proof of this is forthcoming in some remarks by Helen Dale which Primrose overhears.

Colonel Wynne, son of Stanley Dale, visits Whilcomb Court. On first seeing Primrose and before he knows who she is he falls desperately in love with her.

Garth West, who makes his living out of blackmail, knows the secret about Primrose's father. He visits her at Whilcomb and threatens to tell the story to Sir Stanley unless Primrose introduces him as her lover.

Primrose decides to leave Whilcomb. To her unpleasant surprise she meets West in the house of a Mrs. Tufnell, where she has taken a room.

West tries to blackmail Garth Dale and demands £5,000 as the price of his silence. Garth arranges to meet him at his office.

THE PRICE OF SILENCE.

WEST made his way to Mr. Dale's offices in high feather.

After declaring he could not help him in any way, after refusing even to give him introductions, Garth Dale had sent for him!

That surely could mean but one thing.

It was Saturday evening, and the streets were practically empty. As West walked from the nearest Tube station to the big block where Mr. Dale had his offices, peering his way through the mist which had settled over the metropolis, he met hardly a soul. There is no place in London more deserted than the City on Saturday nights.

Even the lift attendant was not on duty and West found himself outside Mr. Dale's big mahogany doors on the first floor without meeting anyone. The outer door was locked, so he knocked with the tip of his umbrella.

A few moments later he heard deliberate steps across the floor inside and the door was opened by Mr. Dale himself.

"Ah, Mr. West, you got my wire? Come in. I found I had to remain behind, to go over some most important documents, so thought it a good opportunity to see you. Come this way."

He led him through the clerks' offices to his own room, where a green-shaded light stood on the big mahogany desk.

Dale passed to a chair, where the light would fall on his visitor, while he himself sat back in the shadow.

"I have been thinking over what you said to me on your last visit, Mr. West," he began de-liberately.

"I rather thought you would!"

Mr. Dale's voice was appreciably sharper.

"You wanted to interest me in your canalisation schemes in New Zealand. At the moment I did not see my way to helping you. But I have been thinking over the suggestions, and have come to the conclusion there is more in the plan than I thought at first. I might be willing to help you—on certain considerations."

He spoke significantly, and West's heart beat triumphantly.

"I am delighted to hear it, Mr. Dale," he replied, sitting up. "Assistance from anyone of your standing is of immense value. Quite apart from the monetary consideration, if I am able to use your name as one of my backers it will be an invaluable asset."

"All that is just what you may not do. My name must not appear in any way. I have refused to join in any such schemes as yours a hundred times. If it were once known I had backed you, I should not have a day's peace."

"No; I am willing to assist you financially, on the condition that the fact is kept secret. And, of course, to carry out your plans, you will have to return to New Zealand. On those conditions, I am willing to advance you the five thousand deposit money you said was necessary to carry out your schemes."

He leaned back in his chair and pressed his fingers together.

But while he had been speaking West had been thinking rapidly. The bat had taken. Why shouldn't he squeeze his victim for more?

"When I saw you a few days ago that was all that I thought was necessary," he said smoothly.

(Translation, dramatic and all other rights secured.)

"But since then I find I shall need more, especially if I am not to have the advantage of your name as backing me. The sum necessary for me now is double the figure I gave then. I want ten thousand pounds!"

"I have lost control of my temper," said Garth Dale last momentary.

"You are being absurd, sir! You must know perfectly well such a sum is ridiculous. I repeat my original, my only, offer of five thousand pounds. If you refuse that I will bid you good evening!"

"Come, Mr. Dale, not quite so fast," West said, eyeing the other man warily. "I don't advise you to be so high-and-mighty. I know ten thousand pounds is a big sum. But don't you think it would be worth it?"

He leaned forward suddenly and thrust his face close to Mr. Dale's.

Garth glared back at him.

"You are a clever man than I am, Mr. Dale." West went on, with a grin, "and are putting things in a clever, diplomatic way. I am a plain blunt man and call a spade a spade. What you call financial help I call—hush money!"

"Mr. West, take care!" Garth's face was livid.

"Well, isn't it? Remember I was at the trial of Richard Broadwood. He pleaded guilty. I know. I never thought he was. Later I knew he wasn't. There was only one other man who could have done it—Garth Dale, his friend. Why he shielded you I don't know. But I do know he did shield you!"

For a moment Garth Dale lost his nerve and cowered back in his chair.

"Do you suppose you would be offering me anything if you could disprove that accusation? Bah!" West made a sweeping movement with his hand. "I believe there is a Statute of Limitations, and the time is over during which you could be tried for an offence for which your friend suffered twenty-five years ago.

"But how would you like all the world to

reach the door, switched out the light, turned the handle, still holding the handkerchief, so as to leave no finger prints, closed it noiselessly and made swiftly for the stairs.

All was dead silence. He met no one, saw no one. He went down the stairs, where he was, in the street, where the mist was thinning and more woolly, and again he met no one. Instead of taking tube or cab or bus, he walked all the way to Chelsea to Mrs. Tufnell's flat.

She looked up surprised when he walked in.

"I didn't expect to see you, George. You know I have no maid on Saturday night."

"I only want a bit of supper. Where's Primrose?"

"I don't know. She's not coming back anyway. Someone telephoned to say she was with friends, but refused to say where. They wouldn't give any address."

"I'm glad of that. You and I can have a cosy time to ourselves, old girl."

But he did not stay long, and ate hardly anything. He drank fairly heavily, and when he got up to say good-night he said, looking at her significantly: "I've been here all the evening, even past half-past seven. He pressed his hands heavily on her shoulders. "You understand, since half-past seven?"

Understanding filled her eyes.

"Yes, George, I shan't forget," she answered slowly.

"DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD..."

THAT evening Helen Dale had been dining with a woman friend. Her father had said he did not expect to be in before ten, as he had an appointment.

She and her friend had dined quietly at the Hyperion, for Helen had refused the suggestion of going on to a theatre.

At the very next table to theirs were Colonel Wynne and his friend, Major Ellersleigh.

Helen bowed with pleased friendliness at Dick. She had liked him when she had met him at the theatre, and everyone liked him. Moreover, it was rather a new experience for her that he had not appeared to realise she was a very attractive woman.

Helen was so used to men falling victims to her beauty that she acted with indifference and attention as a matter of course, without conceit or surprise. Dick Wynne had been merely civil to a fellow-guest, but he had never sought her out and never seemed to realise she was there when their hostess was present.

Greatly to her surprise, Colonel Wynne only bowed formally. He did not attempt to come up and speak to her, or, after the first recognition, to glance in her direction.

His regard piqued. It was one thing for him to make love to her, but another for him practically to cut her! It was the more noticeable in that his companion kept glancing at her with vivid admiration, and, it was obvious, was asking Dick about her.

Now, however, when they finished their dinner first and, after another stiff bow, Dick Wynne took his companion away.

Helen's face flushed hot. She felt he had openly affronted her. What had she ever done to him that he should show so plainly and publicly that, though he knew her, he had not the slightest desire to speak to her, although her smiling glance had practically invited him to do so?

Her friend laughed at her discomfited face.

"I suppose he's one of your many rejects, Helen? It's obvious he didn't take his refusal kindly and is resenting it. What a fine-looking man he is!"

"You are quite wrong," Helen answered shortly.

"He is only an acquaintance I met at a country house. I hardly know him."

She was not to know that Colonel Wynne was feeling furiously indignant with her or Primrose.

He was utterly miserable over Primrose's continued silence, and conjured up a dozen terrible things that might have happened to her.

He was disappointed to find her father had nothing in store.

He, too, had appeared very worried and depressed lately, and she wished she could have seen him before she went to bed.

She sat up till nearly midnight. And then, wondering at his being so late, decided to go upstairs. She lay in bed reading for some time, and was nearly one o'clock when she was ready to put out the light.

At last the moment the telephone bell rang loudly downstairs.

Flinging on a dressing-gown, she ran down and answered it.

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Soldennis is there right enough; so are Monarch, Highlander, Westmead, Tremola and King Pippin; indeed all the early fancies figure among the seventy nominations, which are headed by the King's colts, Weathervane and Picardy.

Roman Bachelor, such a big fancy twelve months ago, is entered again, and from all ac-

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3.30—PANTHIAS.	3.25—JIMMU.
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counts he is tolerably certain to be got ready for a big handicap while the ground is on the soft side.

Last year he was in Gilpin's stable; now he is with Captain Gooch's string at Compton, and already he is doing most useful work.

Mr. James White has nominated last year's winner, Granely, along with three others, which do not include Sanhedrin. Clochabben is probably the most reliable of the quartette, although Humpty Dumpty at his best appeals as being better suited to the task.

M.R. SOL JOEL'S "FLEET."

Mr. Sol Joel, who has won the race with Long Set and Soranus, also takes several chances, and wise people will not attempt to guess whether Pondoland, Evander, Set Off or Argo will prove the best.

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F. T. Mann, who made a splendid stand for England in the Test match at Capetown yesterday.



Mlle. Lenglen, who made a successful re-appearance at the Cannes lawn tennis tournament.

MORE FAVOURITES.

Two Winners for Poole at Gatwick—To-day's Prospects.

Favourites carried on the good work at Gatwick yesterday, which was fortunate for visitors since there was nothing else to entice us in some very tame racing.

Memento and White Ronald, both at odds, were the mainstays of the brother team. The seller, but Ballmooda gave L. B. a few uneasy moments before White Ronald got home by a neck.

Goliath, Every Day and Rambler another splendid victory in the Beagle Hurdle, in which Flying Line's failure was the only real reverse backers experienced during the day.

Haydock and H. H. Hurst Park for the remainder of the week and small fields are likely at both meetings in consequence.

St. Corentin is expected to win Hurst Park's New Year Cup for the second year in succession and Kite II is also fancied. Neither, however, may stay double up.

At Haydock a sib. penalty should not prevent Derryby II, repeating his Manchester victory in the Warrington Hurdle.

OXFORDSHIRE WIN.

Well-Merited Victory Over Hertfordshire by 3 Goals to 1.

In fine weather, Oxfordshire, at Oxford yesterday, gained a well-merited victory over Hertfordshire by 3 goals to 1.

Oxfordshire soon took the lead through Guy Buckingham, a son of the City, and was immediately afterwards R. P. Dore (Barnet) put the visitors on terms. Play was of an even nature, but before the interval Oxfordshire once more went in front; Roger Collyer putting in a shot which gave the Herts' goalkeeper trouble.

The visitors attacked hotly for a long time in the second period, but the Oxfordshire defence held out. A good passing movement by Jakeman and Rogers ended in Sturges putting on the third goal for Oxfordshire.

LONDON BOYS' SUCCESS.

Country Outclassed and Beaten by Four Clear Goals in Schools Match.

The match played on Clapton Orient's ground yesterday between boys from London schools and country schools provided an interesting encounter, despite the fact that the professional footballers were rather inferior to their opponents.

The London youths, who won by four clear goals, were a much lighter team than those of the country, but they were more speedy and had superior ball control. Collyer, a son of the City, and Prince School, was a leading London forward and he registered the opening goal. A. Clark, of Parmiter's, adding a second before the interval.

E. A. Turner, also of Parmiter's, put out two more goals for the Londoners after change of ends.

HONEYMAN BEATS CONN.

Two clever horses, Miss Honeyman, of Canning Town and Joe Conn, of Bury, met in the principal contest at the Ring last night, and after a close bout, which went the full distance, Honeyman was declared the winner on points.

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KENT'S EASY VICTORY.

Rhine Army Rugby Team Beaten by 23 Points to 6.

The Rhine Army Rugby team suffered another heavy defeat yesterday; when they were beaten by Kent at Blackheath by the convincing score of 23 points to 6.

The County were vastly superior in the opening stages of the game and Jackie opened the scoring by running clean through. Bruce easily converted. Shortly afterwards the Army lost Case, who was injured, and Bruce, of Kent, also had to leave the field.

Following a fine round of passing by the Kent three Wilkinson (Wilkinson) in the Army line and Francis made major points.

A series of Army rushes resulted in Lieutenant Cooper reducing his side's arrears with an unconverted try. Before half-time, however, Bradley and Wilkinson were obtained further tries for Kent, the former being converted by Jackie and the latter by Bruce, who added 19 points to 6.

The Army showed greatly improved form in the second half, although their three-quarters missed several chances through faulty handling and lack of pace. Bruce scored in this half, but Kent were still without Bruce.

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Wilfred's Latest Hobby: See Page 11



There are three columns of fun—

FACED WITH DOG LICENCE PROBLEM



Mr. R. Tomson, of Hoxton, with his dog Nell, for which he is unable to buy a licence as he is unemployed.



Mr. T. H. Philo, of Lewisham, and his dog Prince, with the licence to pay for which his family has made sacrifices. They have deprived themselves rather than lose him.

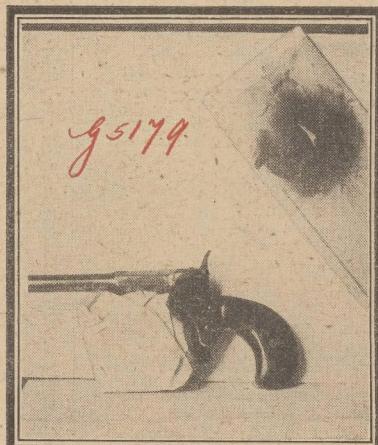
Mr. E. Lyett Green, whose offer to pay for twenty licences follows the appearance in *The Daily Mirror* of a photograph depicting a pathetic farewell scene at Battersea Dogs' Home.

Many dog lovers find themselves in a pathetic dilemma at this time of the year. If there is no money to buy a new licence an owner may have to say good-bye to an old friend or incur trouble with the police.

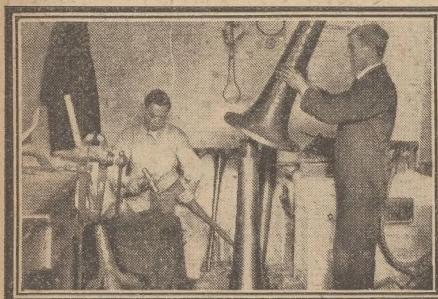
PREMIER'S GRAVE AIR AT CONFERENCE END



Left to right: Baron Avezzana, Italian Ambassador in Paris; the Marquis de la Torretta, Italian Ambassador in London, and one of the Italian experts photographed after the breakdown of the Conference on German reparations in Paris yesterday.

TOY PISTOL PERIL.—A toy pistol bought yesterday by *The Daily Mirror* and a piece of paper (right) singed by fumes from the pistol after discharge. A steel nail dropped into the barrel after the partition was filed away turned it into a deadly weapon.

Mr. Bonar Law wore a very grave expression on leaving the French Foreign Office yesterday after the expected failure of the Allied Conference. The other Allies confer to-day.



Shaping the bell of an instrument from sheet brass.



Polishing a "big noise" in the band.

MUSIC-MAKERS IN THE MAKING.—These pictures depict scenes in the Salvation Army's musical instrument factory at St. Albans—a big establishment, as General Booth's bandsmen number some 30,000. (*Daily Mirror*.)

ONE-ARMED HERO WEDS.—Captain W. H. Smith, M.C., who lost his right arm in the war, with his bride, Miss Lorna Campbell, daughter of Mr. A. C. Campbell, after their wedding yesterday at St. Mark's, Audley-street.